

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:302
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
NHRC REPORT ON CUSTODIAL DEATH
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has recorded 1,305 reports of custodial deaths between April 2001 and March 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been an increase in case of deaths during the said period in both judicial and police custody as compared to the previous year;
- (d) if so, the details and reasons therefor alongwith the names of the States where highest custodial deaths have taken place; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had received intimation of 165 cases of deaths in police custody and 1140 deaths in judicial custody from the State/UT Governments during the period April, 2001 to March, 2002. The details of which are given in the Annexure 'I'.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): There has been increase in deaths in police custody and judicial custody during the year 2001-2002 in comparison to the year 2000-2001. In the year 2000-2001 number of deaths in police custody was 127 and in judicial custody was 910. The details of deaths both in police custody and Judicial custody have been given at Annexure 'I'. In 2001-2002, the highest number of deaths in judicial custody had taken place in Uttar Pradesh and in police custody, the highest number of deaths had taken place in the State of Maharashtra.

(e): The NHRC has time and again directed the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to curb the occurrence of custodial deaths and also for improving the conditions in jails.

Annexure-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.302 FOR 16.7.2002

YEAR AND STATE WISE DETAILS OF CUSTODIAL DEATH CASES REGISTERED IN THE COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2000 TO 31.03.2001 AND 01.04.2001 TO 31.03.2002

STATE 2000-2001 2001-2002

PC JC TOTAL PC JC TOTAL

ANDHRA PRADESH 02 76 78 16 81 97
ARUNACHAL PRADESH 01 01 02 02 0 02
ASSAM 11 11 22 10 20 30
BIHAR 02 137 139 02 144 146
GOA 02 03 05 0 05 05
GUJARAT 11 27 38 08 44 52

HARYANA 04 20 24 05 34 39
HIMACHAL PRADESH 01 02 03 01 01 02
JAMMU & KASHMIR 0 01 01 0 0 0
KARNATAKA 05 41 46 09 41 50
KERALA 01 26 27 04 33 37
MADHYA PRDESH 11 37 48 07 38 45
MAHARASHTRA 19 104 123 27 125 152
MANIPUR 0 0 0 0 0 0
MEGHALAYA 01 0 01 03 02 05
MIJORAM 01 0 01 0 0 0
NAGALAND 0 0 0 0 0 0
ORISSA 02 55 57 07 49 56
PUNJAB 13 48 61 07 70 77
RAJASTHAN 03 38 41 05 49 54
SIKKIM 0 0 0 0 0 0
TAMIL NADU 04 24 28 07 48 55
TRIPURA 02 0 02 01 0 01
UTTAR PRADESH 10 121 131 11 183 194
WEST BENGAL 09 38 47 17 54 71
A&N ISLANDS 0 02 02 0 0 0
CHANDIGARH 01 02 03 0 01 01
D&N HAVELI 0 0 0 0 0 0
DAMAN AND DIV 0 0 0 0 0 0
DELHI 09 28 37 05 27 32
LAKSHDWEEP 0 0 0 0 0 0
PONDICHARY 0 0 0 0 0 0
CHHATISGARH 01 29 30 04 28 32
JHARKHAND 01 33 34 04 55 59
UTTRANCHAL 0 06 06 03 08 11

TOTAL CASES 127 910 1037 165 1140 1305